

Carlisle Trails Committee Meeting Minutes  
May 31, 2019  
Alan Ankers, Secretary

Attendance: Alan Ankers, Roy Herold, Marc Lamere, Warren Spence, Steve Tobin, Jonathan DeKock

Guests: Sylvia Willard, Bert Willard, Bob Goldsmith

**Documents Presented:**

None.

**Old Business:**

**Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes from the May 3 meeting were approved as amended.

**Trail Signs:**

Steve reported that 13 of the new signs had been installed before the Trails Day; the remaining 11 have been coated.

**Benches:**

A work session was scheduled for June 29 at Marc's house.

**Community Trails Day:**

Steve reported that the Trails Day on May 18 had been a tremendous success, not least because of perfect weather. Over 250 people took part, collectively walking over 700 miles while covering all of the trails.

**Slick Boardwalk Solutions:**

The Seligs completed the trial installation on the May 5 work day.

**Woodward Village Trails:**

Committee members visited the site on May 6 with Kelly Guarino and Desiree Ball. A tentative decision was made on what appeared to be the best location for the trail, but nothing will be finalized until there is more clarity on the future agricultural use of the field.

**Russell Street Trails:**

Marc reported that he had visited the site with Louise, Roy and Alan on May 20, having been rained out on May 13. The entrance at Russell Street would probably best be done with a gravel ramp parallel to the rock wall. Marc will meet with Gary Davis to work out the details for this. The stream crossing and wet section will require a boardwalk between 170 and 200 feet in length. There was a section in the middle which was less wet, but the party concluded that a continuous boardwalk made more sense, rather than two shorter ones with a gap between them, since the end ramps are usually the most difficult sections to construct. Marc subsequently met with the developer's representative Joey LaPointe to clarify the location of the easement where it crosses the driveway; it crosses the rocky knoll rather than skirting around it as first thought. Marc will

ask Joey for permission to use the access road and parking lot for bringing in materials for the boardwalk construction.

### **Greenough Boardwalk:**

Jonathan reported that he had scouted the area for other required work and concluded that the culvert crossing under the trail near the pond overlook (near sign G3) needs to be addressed. In addition, there is a wet area on the Brook Street section of the Blueberry Trail, which may best be dealt with by diverting a short section of trail. He requested that other members of the Committee review this situation if possible.

### **Old Home Day:**

Marc reported that a booth had been reserved.

All agreed that we would run the Double Sundae Sunday Saunter as usual; Alan will send a notice to the Mosquito.

Steve reported that he had not heard back from the OHD Committee regarding the proposed chainsaw safety class, so it was decided to do that as a separate event at some other time.

### **Bartlett Farm Trails:**

Sylvia reported that the new CR had been signed by ConsCom and will be passed on to the Selectmen and then the State for signatures.

### **Duck Board Installation:**

Alan reported that the first section of duck boards cut from the old greenhouse floor panels had been successfully installed on the Blood Farm trail near the end of Long Ridge Road, during the May 5 work day. One 18 ft x 4 ft panel had been cut into four sections, to cover a 36 ft. long section of trail. The rest of the committee was invited to look at and evaluate the completed installation.

### **New Business:**

#### **CRAC Inspections:**

Marc reported that the Conservation Restriction Advisory Committee would be conducting inspections on two trail easements on June 1: Nickles Lane (CR 24) and the link from Suffolk Lane to the Blood Farm trail (CR 23).

#### **Work Day Report:**

Steve reported that 12 people had attended the work day on May 5, and formed four main groups. Completed work included:

- Repairs to Red-tail trail boardwalk and Tobin Bridge.
- Rotted post on Blood Farm trail sign replaced.
- Duck board installed on Blood Farm trail.
- Brush cut back on Red-tail and Mist trails, and Poole Swamp trail.
- Old bridge from barn installed at Benfield Conservation Land.
- Neighbors Chris Andrews and Junko Kato removed an old tire from the Billerica section of trail at Greenough.
- Ted and Adam Selig completed the boardwalk traction test installation.

**Recent Trail Work:**

Steve, Henry and Roy removed a leaning ash from the entrance to the Davis Corridor. Roy cleared trees from the Turtle trail at Towle, River trail, and Mist trail. Jonathan mowed the trails at Foss Farm and Town Forest.

**Election of Officers:**

The following slate of Officers was unanimously approved for the upcoming year:

- Chair – Marc Lamere
- Chair-elect – Steve Tobin
- Treasurer – Marc Lamere
- Secretary – Alan Ankers
- Clerk – Louise Hara

**Schedule Next Meeting:**

The next meeting was scheduled for June 28.